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RE: STIP Recommendation

Dear Ms. Gardino:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment to you with regard to Nome and the areas transportation needs. We were unable to attend the Nome meeting as we were out for the holidays and just returned.

We would like to strongly recommend the Department of Transportation take a look at improving/repairing the Osborne Road just outside of Nome and behind the subdivision "Icy View". Our understanding is that the road is a "omnibus" road, but is impassable as it presently sits.

This road connects Nome to the outlying area of "Osborne". There are many families living in Osborne and the area . There has been a discussion recently regarding circulating a petition to the State of Alaska DOT for this road to be improved, however, this may be the best or better forum. We hope you will investigate the possibility of this road. Improvement of this road would achieve several things.

- 1). It would provide a road that would give quicker and better access to emergency services for the communities and homes along it and at the end of it. Already there has been loss of life due to the fire trucks/ambulances not able to get to the fire quick enough by having to drive around the "long way". For the families living there it truly is a matter of life or death, if this road could be improved.
- 2). The area along the Osborne corridor is being actively mined. One mine in the area is projected to produce in excess of 1 million yards of processed gravels in the next couple of year. These gravels would become marketable for competitive sale for use on DOT and Nome roads, building pads and airport with a road that would facilitate the hauling out of the gravels.
- 3). It would establish the ownership and use by the State of Alaska to this road. Currently there has been a bit of a squabble going on with regard to Alaska Gold Company gating off the road to public use. This would most likely establish the rightful owner if improvements were made and the road made useable.

We would appreciate it if you would take these items into consideration and slate this road for improvement as quickly as possible. I know of no other road that was mentioned that has the value for life and commercial/public use as this road.

We thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We would appreciate it if you could acknowledge in some form your receipt of this letter and that it will be put into the consideration bin.

Most Sincerely,

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P.S. We were unable to access your web site as listed in the Nome paper. Not sure why, but it would not go through. Thanks.